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Serial No: 10/005,882 )  
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Title: Tissue Products Having Reduced Lint And Slough ) Customer No: 22827

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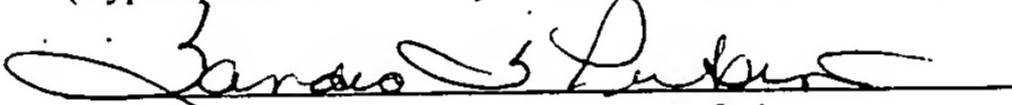
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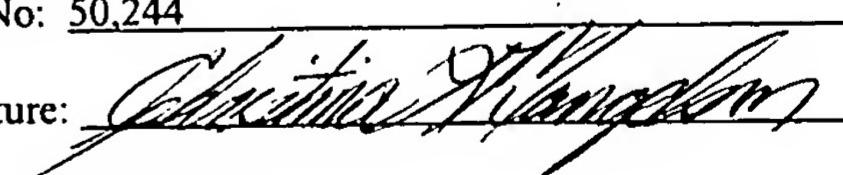
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